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CHICAGO'S WEAKNESS DEPRESSED STOCKS

Declines in Western Traction Stocks
and Advance in Call Loans In-
fluenced Late Selling.

COTTON BROKE VIOLENTLY

Time Money Showed an Easier Tendency,
Foreign Discounts Are Higher and De-
mand Sterling Advanced Sharply.

Stocks moved uncertainly within a narrow range for the greater part of yesterday's session, weakening at the close upon an advance of call money to 5 per cent, and the general depression of sentiment caused by coal strike reports and the prevailing tendency of corporation investigation.

Foreign markets were quiet but easier, influenced by continued delays in settling the Moroccan question and by higher discounts at London, Berlin and Vienna. London quotations for Americans were slightly changed. Foreigners did little. Cotton broke violently. Wheat advanced.

Call money ran up to 5 per cent, but ruled actually unchanged at 4 1/2 per cent. Time money was dull and unchanged, with an easy tendency. Demand sterling advanced sharply 25 points to 185 1/2. Government bonds were firm. Railway and miscellaneous bonds were very dull.

Sales at the Board, including undated shares amounted to 624,615 shares, against 575,328 shares on Tuesday and 724,814 shares on Monday. Following is a summary of yesterday's market:

Sales.	High.	Low.	Last.
Am. Can. Co.	100	22 1/2	22 1/2
Am. C. & P. Co.	100	10 1/2	10 1/2
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MAY MERGE THREE IRON COMPANIES

Diamond State, Tidewater and Chapman Iron, Coal and Coke May Form \$12,000,000 Body.

WANT NEW WORKING CAPITAL

Negotiations Under Way, but Plan is Still Being Considered by Dominant Interests—No Decision Yet.

It became known in Wall Street yesterday that efforts are being made to form a new steel and iron merger which, if the scheme of the promoters is carried through, will result in the consolidation of the Diamond State Steel Company, Tidewater Steel Company and the Chapman Iron, Coal and Coke Company.

E. H. Chapman, of No. 59 Broadway, is the prime mover in the effort. Associated with him are a number of New York and Philadelphia bankers. According to the preliminary plans, it is proposed to form a concern with \$2,000,000 of capital and \$10,000,000 of bonds. The sale of the bonds will provide about \$2,000,000 working capital for the concern.

The Diamond State Steel Company and the Tidewater Steel Company have been languishing for want of adequate working capital. In a recent circular to stockholders of the Tidewater Steel Company it was stated that the company had not shared in the prevailing prosperity of the steel and iron business. The same statement was made yesterday concerning the Diamond State Steel Company.

If the present plans concerning the three companies are a success it is proposed to merge the three companies into a new company, the Diamond State Steel Company, which will have a capital of \$12,000,000. The new company will have a capital of \$12,000,000 and a working capital of \$2,000,000.

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STANDARD OIL STOCK.

Statement Made That There Are 6,200 Shareholders Creates Comment.

It was learned yesterday that there are 6,200 stockholders in the Standard Oil Company. In view of the belief that the stock is one of the most closely held in the country, this statement is considered highly interesting. Since 1900 an list of stockholders has been gradually increasing.

Money and Exchange.
 Money loaned on call on Stock Exchange at 4 1/2 per cent, with the loan at 4 1/2 per cent.

Time money was a 3 1/2 per cent for sixty and ninety days, and 3 per cent for four, five and six months.

New York Clearing House balances, \$307,105,707; balances, \$2,248,014; due Treasury, \$2,248,014; due banks, \$2,248,014; due other, \$2,248,014.

Continental Exchange frames were quoted at 5.00; and 5.10; and 5.20; and 5.30; and 5.40; and 5.50; and 6.00; and 6.10; and 6.20; and 6.30; and 6.40; and 6.50; and 7.00; and 7.10; and 7.20; and 7.30; and 7.40; and 7.50; and 8.00; and 8.10; and 8.20; and 8.30; and 8.40; and 8.50; and 9.00; and 9.10; and 9.20; and 9.30; and 9.40; and 9.50; and 10.00; and 10.10; and 10.20; and 10.30; and 10.40; and 10.50; and 11.00; and 11.10; and 11.20; and 11.30; and 11.40; and 11.50; and 12.00; and 12.10; and 12.20; and 12.30; and 12.40; and 12.50; and 13.00; and 13.10; and 13.20; and 13.30; and 13.40; and 13.50; and 14.00; and 14.10; and 14.20; and 14.30; and 14.40; and 14.50; and 15.00; and 15.10; and 15.20; and 15.30; and 15.40; and 15.50; and 16.00; and 16.10; and 16.20; and 16.30; and 16.40; and 16.50; and 17.00; and 17.10; and 17.20; and 17.30; and 17.40; and 17.50; and 18.00; and 18.10; and 18.20; and 18.30; and 18.40; and 18.50; and 19.00; and 19.10; and 19.20; and 19.30; and 19.40; and 19.50; and 20.00; 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